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TAGS: MILI, MOPS, LE, IS, US  
SUBJECT: GOL PROVIDES NEW BASIC POINTS FOR SHUF/ALAYH  
- REDEPLOYMENT

REF: (A) BEIRUT 7776, (B) BEIRUT 7723, (C) BEIRUT 7556

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

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2. AT THE JULY 19 MEETING OF THE MNF POLITICAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, PRESIDENTIAL MILITARY ADVISOR MGEN HABIB FARES SAID THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAD REQUIRED A RE-EVALUATION OF LEBANESE ARMED FORCES (LAF) CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR DEALING WITH THE LIKELY ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALAYH AND SHUF DISTRICTS. HE DECLINED TO PREDICT WHEN HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT A DETAILED PLAN TO THE MNF FOR COORDINATION, BUT HE DID PROVIDE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE BASIS FOR CURRENT LAF PLANNING.

3. SPEAKING IN FRENCH, FARES OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING FIVE POINTS:

-- A. THE GOL COMPLETELY REJECTS THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ISRAELI REDEPLOYMENT TO -- OR EVEN A PAUSE ALONG -- THE DAMUR RIVER. HE SAID THE LAF WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN CHRISTIAN AND DRUZE MILITIAS IF THE IDF STOPPED THERE, EVEN TEMPORARILY. THEY MUST, HE SAID, GO ALL THE WAY TO THE ANWALI RIVER IN ONE CONTINUOUS WITHDRAWAL. HE ADDED THAT THIS POSITION HAD ALREADY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE IDF.

-- B. THE LAF WANTS THE IDF WITHDRAWAL TO BE ESSENTIALLY A PEELING-BACK, BEGINNING FROM SHUWAYFAT AND KAHR SHIMA CLOSE TO BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EASTWARD TO ALAYH TOWN AND THEN SOUTHWARD TO THE ANWALI. THIS PROCESS WOULD ALLOW THE LAF TO TEST THE SINCERITY OF ALL PARTIES IN ANY POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AS THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS UNFOLDS. HE STRESSED REPEATEDLY THAT ALAYH IS THE KEY, AND THE WITHDRAWAL MUST GO SMOOTHLY THERE IF IT IS TO CONTINUE.

-- C. REFERRING TO THE U.S. POSITION (REF B) THAT ISRAELIS MUST NOT CONTINUE TO USE ANY ROADS IN LAF/MNF-CONTROLLED TERRITORY, FARES SAID THE GOL AGREED COMPLETELY AND HAD OBTAINED ISRAELI AGREEMENT AS WELL.

-- D. THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL MUST BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OF LEBANON. THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO THIS POINT.

-- E. THE LAF WILL NOT ASK THE MNF CONTINGENTS TO MOVE

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INTO ANY AREA WHICH IS INSECURE.

4. FARES ADDED THAT THE POSITIONS PRESENTED BY THE U.S. AND FRENCH MNF CONTINGENTS (REF B) HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE PRESIDENT AND WERE BEING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN LAF PLANNING.

5. FARES NOTED THAT THE ISRAELI POLITICAL DECISION TO REDEPLOY HAD NOT YET BEEN TAKEN. WHEN IT IS TAKEN, HE SAID, THE LAF EXPECTS A PREPARATORY PHASE TO LAST SEVERAL DAYS, FOLLOWED BY A WITHDRAWAL PHASE (TO THE ANWALI) WHICH WOULD LAST "SEVERAL WEEKS."

6. FARES NOTED THAT A POLITICAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE CONTENDING LEBANESE FACTIONS IS BEING SOUGHT AT ALL LEVELS, AND THE LAF IS VERY HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL SUCCEED. HOWEVER, THE LAF CANNOT ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE A POLITICAL AGREEMENT BEFORE THE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.

7. COMMENT: CHIEF OF OMC REPORTS THAT LAF COMMANDING GENERAL TANNUS, INFURIATED BY THE INCIDENT IN ALAYH JULY 15 (BEIRUT 7823), IS CURRENTLY INCLINED NOT RPT NOT TO DEPLOY THE LAF INTO ALAYH/SHUF IF THE ISRAELIS WITHDRAW BEFORE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS REACHED. IN HIS CURRENT MOOD, HE IS PREPARED TO LET THE DRUZE AND CHRISTIANS "BEAT UP ON EACH OTHER" UNTIL THEY ARE EXHAUSTED AND READY TO ASK THE LAF IN. WE EXPECT THAT MOOD TO DISSIPATE FAIRLY QUICKLY AND MORE SOBER CONSIDERATIONS TO PREVAIL. PUGH

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